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In re application of	:	
Creighton et al.	:	
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Serial No.:	:	
	:	Group Art Unit
Filed:	:	
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For: An Efficient Magnet System for	:	
Magnetically Assisted Surgery	:	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the first examination on the merits of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Following the title of the application, please insert the following:

This application is a continuation patent application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/287,397, filed April 6, 1999, new U.S. Patent No. 6,330,467, which is based on U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/118,959, filed February 4, 1999, the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference.

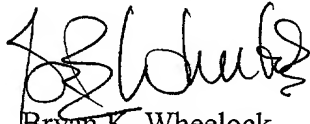
In the Claims

Please cancel the originally filed claims 21-37.

REMARKS

The amendment of the claims of this divisional patent application removes the claims of the originally filed parent patent application. It is respectfully requested that the preliminary amendment to the claims be entered into the application prior to a first examination of the application on its merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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